Increase in AIDS cases

1646. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been considerable increase in AIDS patients in the country as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 15th July, 1989;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of AIDS patients at present in the country; and

(d) what preventive measures are being contemplated by Government for controling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) There is a gradual increase in sero-positive cases of AIDS in the country. Upto 15th July, 1989, 325447 persons of high risk groups were screened and 1351 sero-positive cases found, out of which 30 are full blown AIDS cases.

(d) The measures taken to prevent spread of HIV infection includes:—

1. Screening of blood donors by linking blood banks with testing centre has started in 3 metropolitan cities of Bombay, Delhi and Madras. The screening of blood donors will be started shortly in Calcutta. Other cities have more than 5 lakhs population will also be covered for screening of blood donors in a phased manner.

2. Health Education of high risk groups.

3. Counselling of sero-positive prostitutes.

4. Promotion of use of condom and contraceptives among high risk group and seri-positive individuals.

5. Mandatory production of AIDS free certificate by specified category of foreigners.

6. Screening of blood and blood products for HIV antibodies.

Cases against armed forces officers in N.C.C.

1647. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases reported and investigated against Armed Forces Officers posted to National Cadet Corps during the last three years;

(b) the number of Armed Forces working with the N.C.C. at present with their ranks; and

(c) for how long these armed forces officers are deputed to N.C.C.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Five cases have come to the notice of Service Headquarters.

(b) 1182 officers, ranging in rank from Captain to Lt. General.

(c) The normal tenure is two to three years. Some officers are posted for a second tenure also.

Embezzlement of funds in NCC

1648. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some cases of misappropriation and embezzlement of funds in the National Cadet Corps are under investigation;

(b) how many of these have been investigated, till date;

(c) the total amount involved in these misappropriation; and

(d) whether there is any vigilance cell in National Cadet Corps to detect offences of such nature?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRO-

DUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) No, Sir.

Recommendation of ICMR for Copper-T-380A

1649. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has recommended the latest version of Copper T-380A for the family planning programme of Government;

(b) if so, whether Government have also approved the recommendation of ICMR of Copper T-380A for their programme; and

(c) if so, by when Government propose to introduce this Copper-T in various health centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Demand of Coloured Picture Tubes

1650. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Colour Picture Tubes required for meeting the domestic needs of television transmission in India;

(b) what would be the demand of coloured picture tubes for exports from India from 1990 onwards, especially from the USSR;

(c) what is the present capacity of production of Coloured Picture Tubes in India; and

(d) how does the production compare with the demand for Coloured Picture Tubes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) During 1989-90 demand of Colour Picture Tubes for domestic needs has been estimated to be 1.6 million numbers.

(b) While there is a good potential for exports of Colour Picture Tubes to many countries including USSR, no firm demand has been received for its exports from 1990 onwards.

(c) the total installed capacity for Colour Picture Tubes in India is 1.75 million numbers per annum.

(d) During 1989-90, it is estimated that approximately 1.4 million Colour Picture Tubes will be produced locally.

Deficiency of Vitamin-B2

1651. SHIR SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that deficiency of riboflavin (Vitamin-B2) is a common problem in the country, which results in cataract;

(b) whether Government are aware that nearly 80 per cent of children and the adults coming from low income groups suffer from this deficiency; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard? ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The clinical deficiency of riboflavin (seen as angular stomatitis and glossitis) occurs to the extent of 10.25 per cent, the highest incident being in pregnant women followed by that in school children. Although general